

Die Martis, 3 Augusti, 1647.

THe Lords and Commons in Parliament assembled, taking into consideration the sad and distressed estate and calamity of the poor English Irish-Protestants, fled and driven out of the Kingdom of *Ireland* by the inhumane, bloody and cruel Rebels there, where they have lost their estates and livelyhoods, and are now residing in or about the Town of *Barnstable* in the county of *Devon*, Do Order and Ordain, and be it Ordered and Ordained, That the moyety of the Collection on the next Fast day in the Cities of *London* and *Westminster*, and the Liberties of the same, and in all the Churches & Chappels within the Realm of *England* and Dominion of *Wales*, be taken and imployed for the relief of the said English Irish-protestants, which are in and about the Town of *Barnstable* aforesaid: And do commend the same to the charitable and tender compassions of all good Christians, as being members of the same body; And requiring the Ministers in their several congregations to stir up and exhort their Auditors to all readiness and cheerfulness in so good and godly a work: And the said Lords and Commons do further Order and Ordain, That the said Collection be taken by the Churchwardens, or other two sufficient men of the parish where no Churchwardens are, in the usual maner, and then delivered and paid to Mr. *Michael Herring* of *London*, Merchant, he giving his Acquittances for his Receipts; And the said Collectors, within twenty days after their respective Receipts, to give an accompt thereof in writing, under their respective hands, testifying the several and respective sums received to the said Mr. *Michael Herring*: And the said Mr. *Michael Herring* is to pay over the said several and respective sums so by him received, within ten days after his receipt thereof, to *Philip Dennis* of *Ilfordcomb*, *Anthony Moor* of *Tawton-Bishop*, and *Adam Horden* and *James Brook* of *Braunton* in the county of *Devon* aforesaid, to be by them disposed, and imployed for the ends and uses aforesaid, according to their best wisdoms and discretions, and according to the several urgent necessities of the said poor people, they bringing a Certificate of their respective necessities to the said Receivers, under the hands of the Minister, and two other well-affected persons of the said parish wherein they dwell and abide.

Provided always, That no part of this Collection shall be paid unto any English Irish-protestants, which did not reside in or about the Town of *Barnstable* aforesaid before the Five and twentieth day of *March*, One thousand six hundred forty seven, and continuing his residence there ever since, Any thing herein contained to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

Job: Brown, Cleric.
Parliamentorum.

H: Elsynge, Cler.
Parl. D. Com.



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